



# Foggy Bottom News

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## Firehouse, Library to Stay Open

The fire station in the 2100 block of G Street, home of Engine 23, has been rescued from closure, according to a vote by the City Council Judiciary Committee.

The station was among a long list slotted by the budget considerations of the Fire Chief to be closed down as an active firehouse. It was to be used to house offices instead. At hearings in late March, Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans, along with other members of the committee, sought ways to keep

neighborhood stations open to protect residential areas. Only two of the seven stations targeted were recommended for closure by the committee.

The recommendation of the Committee will go to the Council for consideration as part of the overall D.C. budget.

Sara Maddux testified at the hearing on behalf of the ANC, and Ellie Becker on behalf of the Foggy Bottom Association. Also attending was Lucille Molinelli lending the support of the West End Citizens Association as well.

The West End Branch of the D.C. Public Library will remain open, despite threats of closure during the past few months. The hours the library is open are being cut from 55 to 40 hours, with the major changes being it will be closed on Fridays and open only on Thursday evening. (It has been open on Monday and Wednesday evenings.)

The library will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday.

## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

**Featured Speaker:**  
**Hon. Jack Evans**  
Ward 2 Councilmember

**Monday, April 24, 1995**  
**St. Paul's Parish House**  
**2430 K Street, N.W.**  
**7:30 p.m.**

*(Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 30)*

## How the Foggy Bottom News Got Started

Some Notes on its Eighth Anniversary  
By Charley Rogers - Illustrated by Shirley Kennard

Reprinted from February 1966 Foggy Bottom News

A note in my diary for January 31, 1958 reads: "Took a day's leave of absence to work on *Foggy Bottom News*." My day's work appeared under a score of headlines in the first issue of the *News*, dated February 1958. So

this month marks our birthday. We are eight years old.

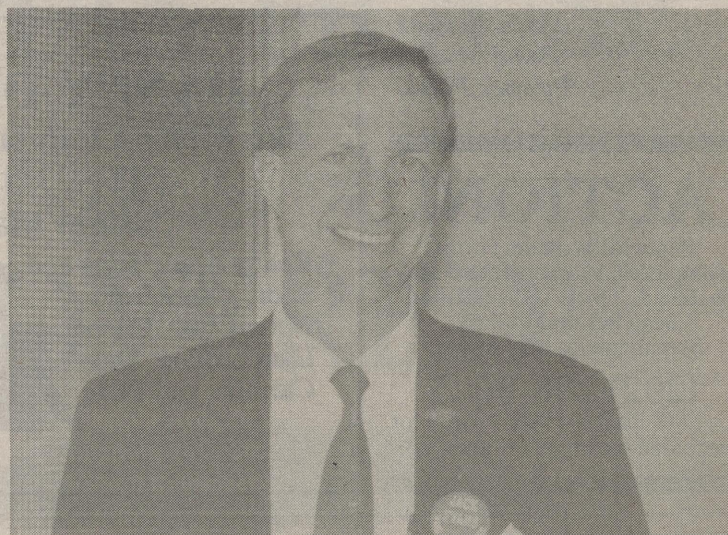
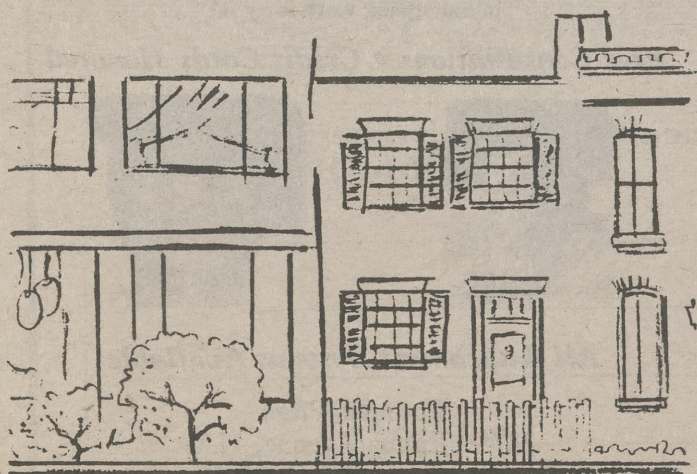
Herb Socks, George MacKinnon and I gave birth to the little paper one evening when I stopped by their Eye Street home to have a drink of George's Scotch.

I said to Herb, then President of the Association, "Why don't we start a paper?" and Herb answered, "Why not?" George chimed in with, "I'll be business and circulation manager, and get the paper printed on NBC's mimeograph at cost of labor."

The idea of a paper for Foggy Bottom had been simmering in my mind almost from the day I moved into my house in Hughes Mews, in July 1955. Foggy Bottom fascinated me, for it was then something almost unique — a village of little houses set down within a large city. But more than a year later, early in 1958, I didn't know much about it, really, and I thought that getting out a newspaper for the neighborhood would force me to become acquainted. It did.

I continued to write and/or edit the *News* for four years, when George and Herb moved away

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## FB Apartment Residents Help Schools

Residents of several FB apartment houses deposited small strips of "waste" paper into boxes in their lobbies, to the delight of our local schools. One organized collection totaled almost \$140,000 in grocery receipts donated to the School Without Walls and Stevens Elementary School. Other buildings in the area also collected for various schools, in-

cluding for Francis Junior High.

The buildings participating in one organized project were the Jefferson House, Potomack Overlook, 2400 Pennsylvania, The Claridge, West End Place, and the Savoy. "Collectors" were Jennie Lazowski, Jon Nowick, Jessie Stewart, Mike Catrone, Don Tobey, Marie Madon, and Joanne Muskett.

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### On Mary Healy's "Remembering"

Dear Miss Healy:

I wanted to write to tell you how much I enjoyed your articles in the *Foggy Bottom News*. I have been living at St. Mary's Court for fifteen years and it was nice to picture what this neighborhood was years ago. It must have always been a very exciting and interesting place. I come from Connecticut and have often spoken to you, a word here or there. You won't remember me but I just had to let you know how much I enjoyed it.

Rosie McNeill

### Women's Board Says Thanks

On behalf of the Women's Board, The GWU Hospital, I wish to thank you for including in the April edition of the *Foggy Bottom News* the item about the Board's annual Bake Sale.

The Board's special projects such as the Bake Sale and the Holiday Bazaar are successful thanks to the support received from hospital staff, our Foggy Bottom neighbors, and others. As you know, the Board donates all its profits to the Hospital for its acquisition of new technical equipment or for items that will bring comfort or better care to patients.

Vorda Honnold  
Board Member  
(Potomac Plaza)

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## Crime Council Update

At the April Citizen's Crime Council meeting, acting commander Boggs announced that for the month of March overall crime is down in comparison to the same period last year, although thefts from automobiles in Foggy Bottom/West End have increased. The police cleaned up two Foggy Bottom homeless encampments in March with help from the Department of Public Works.

Boggs also announced that Police Chief Thomas plans to increase the number of police districts from 8 to 17-20, including one at 23rd & L, N.W. which is currently used by the Special Operations Branch. Implementation, however, depends on the new Control Board. The addition of police districts is part of the "Police in 2000" program which emphasizes citizen empowerment and smaller police station houses.

The police are also testing a Crime Hotline. The Hotline provides crime updates for each neighborhood including Foggy Bottom. After listening to the update, citizens can leave messages for the police on a voice mail system. To reach the Hotline, dial 282-1162, extension CRIME (27463) followed by 1 for the Foggy Bottom sector.

The next Crime Council meeting will be on May 3, 1995 at 8:00 p.m. The location is 3320 Idaho Avenue, N.W. The public is invited to attend.

## Items of Interest from the D.C. Register

By Barbara F. Kahlow

### Notices

- 3/10 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's emergency & proposed rule for Georgetown Moratorium Zone
- 3/10 Election of Jerry Kress as Chair & Maybelle Taylor Bennett as Vice Chair of the Zoning Commission and Craig Ellis as Chair & Laura Richards as Vice Chair of the Board of Zoning Adjustment
- 3/10 Registration disclosure of Chip Glasgow, John Epting & Carolyn Brown as lobbyists for the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on alley closing legislation
- 3/17 Mayoral appointments of Patricia Elwood & Arrington Dixon as Citizen Members of the National Capital Planning Commission
- 3/24 DC Law 10-209, closing of a public alley in Square 120 (the IMF)

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## The Becker Beat



Not being particularly a political animal, attendance at an ANC meeting has never been one of my favorite ways to spend an evening. I admit it freely, but also admit that being an ANC Commissioner, done correctly, is difficult, unrelenting and more than a little thankless. If one does not get satisfaction simply from working for your neighborhood and home, the job holds few "bennies."

There is no doubt in my mind that such is the stuff commissioners and civic association officers and board members are made of. They work with little thanks other than what comes from within.

Not long ago there was a hearing before a City Council committee about the closing of fire stations, including Engine 23 on G Street. The undersigned appeared and read a brief statement on behalf of the Foggy

Bottom Association in support of our local station. It was sincere and I believe well-written, but required only the time to put to paper feelings and a few facts known or believed by the fire station's neighbors.

The chairman of the ANC, Sara Maddux, testified in a manner more in keeping with a committed citizen and elected official. Her statement was researched (to the tune of several hours of questioning and discussion at the station), with important documentation and with some changes prompted by the testimony previous to hers. That testimony lasted from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m., to which she (and Lucille Molinelli) listened attentively waiting to speak. It needed to be done, so it was done, and my hat is off to Sara and her other hardworking confreres.

At this hearing Sara Maddux represented the elected ANC, myself the Board of the Foggy Bottom Association, and Lucille Molinelli, though she didn't speak, by her presence lent the support of the West End Citizens Association.

That fire station has one other major constituent and beneficiary: George Washington University. Where was it?

## Walt Whitman Exhibit at Gelman

An exhibition entitled "City Invincible: Walt Whitman in Washington, 1863-1873" can be seen at the GWU Gelman Library through May 12. Highlighting Whitman as comforter, comrade and clerk, items will include items related to the period during which he lived in Washington, D.C. The library is at 2130 H Street, N.W.

## Little Sneakers

By Harold Fischer

Little blue sneakers,  
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in street puddles  
shimmering in the sun;  
invading  
the onrushing stream,  
playfully  
whirling and squirming  
along the curb  
to make  
a glorious chaos of waves  
and cascades of spray; then  
dashing away  
in search of new adventure,  
joyfully  
squeaking and squishing,  
leaving  
only wet tracks  
on the dry pavement  
to point the way.



At farewell/retirement party for St. Mary's Court's Barbara Brunton, longtime friend and supporter Mary Healy bids Barbara goodbye. Richard Price, St. Mary's Court Board President, looks on.

## GWU Concentrates on Concerts

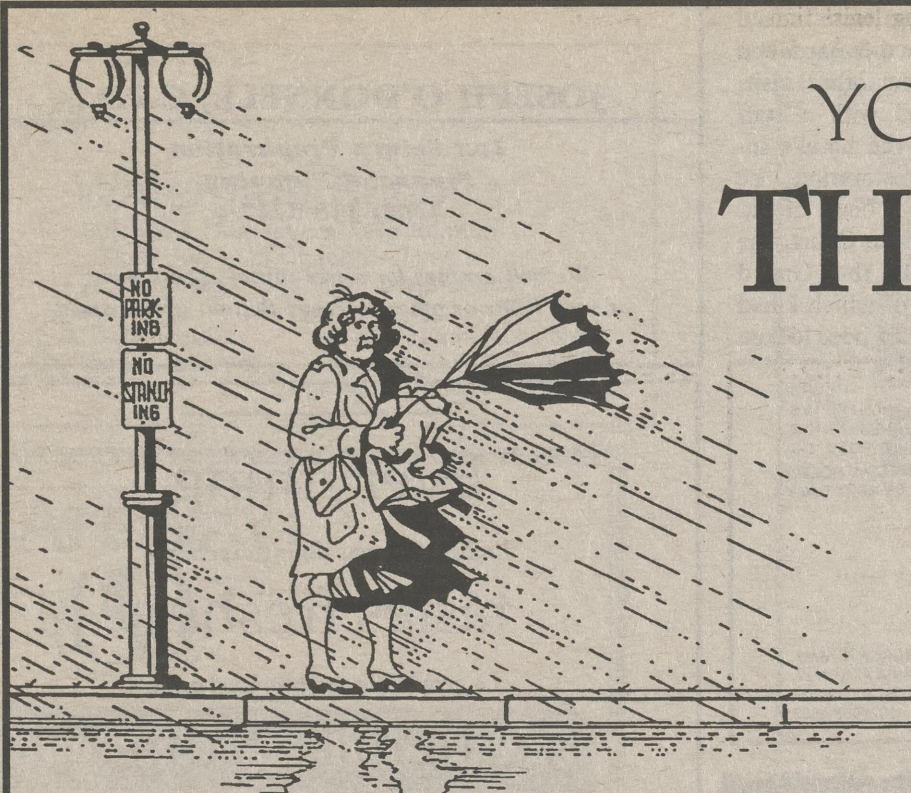
Late April on the GWU campus brings concerts galore. Scheduled in late April are: The University Singers presenting "Songs of Freedom," with guest performances by the GW Troubadours and the GW Chamber Players. Proceeds will benefit Miriam's Kitchen. The event, on Saturday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. will be held at Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W., and admission is \$5.

On Monday, April 24, the Student Honors Recital will be held, featuring the best solo and chamber music performers of 1994-95. The location is Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st

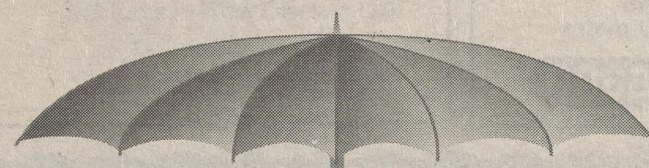
Street, at 7:30 p.m.

Next, the Spring Dance Concert will feature choreography of guest artists Paula Josa-Jones and Katie Duck. Performances will be Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29, 8:00 p.m., at Marvin Center Theatre, 800 21st Street. \$8; \$5 students/seniors.

On Sunday, April 30, the University Symphony Orchestra and King James and the Serfs of Swing will present selections from "The King and I," and early music of Count Basie and Duke Ellington. The free concert will be held at the Marvin Center Theater at 7:30 p.m.



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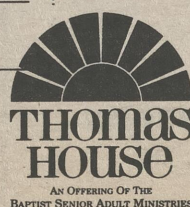
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## Rennie Remembers ... Richmond



I took a taxi to the Smithsonian Castle area on a beautiful, sunny and cool morning, enjoying the scenery enroute, i.e., the trees radiant in their fall colors. The bus was becoming full, I assumed, because the tour was to the former Confederate capital and the present capital of Virginia. A friendly woman (also a retiree) asked to sit next to me and we struck up a quick conversation. She, Carolina, came to D.C. in 1940 from Staten Island, when a high school graduate, and has seen many more changes in D.C. than I, who came to the area in the 1960s. We talked non-stop during the two-hour drive to Richmond.

Our first stop was at historic "Church Hill," where we were introduced to our tour guide, Jack Zehmer, who is the director of the Historic Richmond Foundation. We found him to be an articulate, knowledgeable and charming Southern gentleman. Carolina and I walked about together, commenting on the beauty of the view of the James River below. Jack led us on a stroll around the rear of lovely historic houses on the Hill

to see their unique architecture and charming cul-de-sac garden area. Although we did not enter historic St. John's Church nearby, we were informed it was the location of Patrick Henry's famous speech: "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!"

We boarded the bus and drove through impressive Monument Avenue (called "Embassy Row" years ago, as it was reminiscent of D.C.'s Massachusetts Avenue with its large elegant houses). There we saw monuments dedicated to heroes of the Civil War, Robert E. Lee, Jeb Stuart, et al. Our stop at the old City Hall (1887), was to see the colorful interior — a bit too much red and green decoration for Carolina and me, however.

After that, we went upstairs to see the statue of George Washington. Then we walked over to St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1843), where we saw huge beautiful stained glass windows. (I unknowingly sat in Confederate President Jefferson Davis' pew. Sorry!)

Next, we toured the Bolling-Hazall house (1858) built by a wealthy businessman and now occupied by "The Woman's Club." The interior of this antebellum house, its Victorian furnishings and many unusual marble fireplaces, etc., were sights to behold. We were surprised to see a piano with keys made of mother-of-pearl, rather than the ubiquitous ivory.

For lunch we were driven to the restored historic Jefferson Hotel (1895); its unique exterior was a blend of Italian and Spanish architecture. We dined at the Lemaire Restaurant on the second floor in the Palm Court area. (About 20 years ago,

I had been in this hotel, which was then in a dilapidated state. I enjoyed seeing it now in its original glory, having been restored only during the last ten years. The interior is truly beautiful.) The buffet was delicious; roast pork, rice, cooked cabbage with onions, corn niblets, spoonbread, broiled fish, roast chicken, cole slaw, lettuce, pickles, proscuitto, Swiss cheese, whole wheat rolls, pecan pie, bownies, cheesecake, iced and hot tea and coffee.

I chose a little of all of the buffet (but only a brownie with hot tea for dessert, honestly!). Carolina and I shared a table with a younger man and an older woman, who had plates full of food as we. The young man had a lot in common with Carolina — they are both avid opera buffs and, therefore, became quite engaged in a lively chat. The older woman was friendly and spoke to me about her volunteer work at the National Cathedral and the Smithsonian.

After finishing my lunch, I excused myself as I was intent on exploring other areas of the hotel, especially the famous staircase I had walked up from the Grand Foyer years ago — a reproduction of this staircase was made for the movie "Gone with the Wind." I could see that the restored areas were indeed quite a contrast to what I had witnessed on my other visit. When I chatted with a staff member about the hotel's interior before restoration, he directed me to a book of old photos in the Palm Court, the Empire Room, the Grand Foyer, etc., all of which I had been in. (They had been locked

up and vacant during my one-night stay years ago, when I had walked into the Grand Foyer, out of natural curiosity, and decided to stay if there were accommodations. The hotel engineer registered me, and I was charged only \$15 for the night! However, I had plenty of company in the room that night, i.e. cockroaches, ugh — no sleep for yours truly! I didn't complain because I realized that it was a building in much need of repair and was deserted except for a restaurant and rooms on the second floor. I saw no other guests, but I didn't care as I was in a historic building that must have been something great in its heyday.)

Because I was fascinated by the hotel's history when I was an overnight guest, I was given a personal tour by the jack-of-all-trades engineer through the locked and musty, empty ballrooms. When we reached the original entrance on Franklin Street (which is still closed to the public, by the way), he pointed out the former cloak room and registration desk. When we stepped into the small foyer to look outside through the locked glass-panelled doors, the double wooden doors in back of us slammed shut, locking us in the

foyer. What to do! He pushed against the large wooden doors, but they wouldn't budge, while I banged on the glass doors, hoping to attract a passerby; the engineer said that the area was not well-travelled anymore (this was 20 years ago).

Luckily, I had a paring knife in my purse and handed it to the engineer, hoping he would succeed in jiggling it between the double wooden doors and releasing the lock. He worked feverishly doing this, and it did the trick — we were free! After the half hour of being trapped, I was taken aback when the engineer suggested we take a look at the old wine cellar. No thanks, I told him — who knew what lurked down there and perhaps we'd be locked in again!

The historic houses in the once affluent Franklin Street neighborhood near the hotel (included in the Smithsonian tour today) had been owned and used by the Tucker Hospital for a long time, Jack informed us later. Luckily, they were saved from demolition by the hospital. I could certainly appreciate the transformation of the old neighborhood houses and the hotel. However, I will always remember the former appearance of the hotel with its

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round red-velvet sofa in the center of the Grand Foyer on the first floor, the registration desk nearby, the small restaurant on the right balcony, the Palm Court and, yes, even the old entrance foyer. I didn't ask about the current rate, but I am certain it would be at least \$150, not \$15 (and no cockroaches!).

After lunch, the tour bus took us over to the Mayo/Carter House (1895), now used by the Junior League. Jack told us about the house, where Edgar Allen Poe visited his love, Elmira, three months before his death. We then toured the old Sedden-Bruce House (1886), which was interesting and occupied by an engineering company. Our last stop was out at the Maymount Estate (1893),

built by wealthy Major James Henry Dooley, a former legislator/businessman involved in southern railways. We had a tour inside the lovely mansion, which was crowded with very ornate European/Asian furnishings, some too ornate for us. (The madam's bedroom furniture, for instance, had a huge bed shaped like a white swan, with matching rocking chair and dressing table!). There was a lot to see outside, too — Carolina and I trekked down to the enticing Japanese Garden, although the rocky steps were difficult to walk up and down; we strolled round the rose garden later; and dropped into the gift shop before heading for the bus at the entrance of the 100-acre estate. We certainly had our exercise that day!

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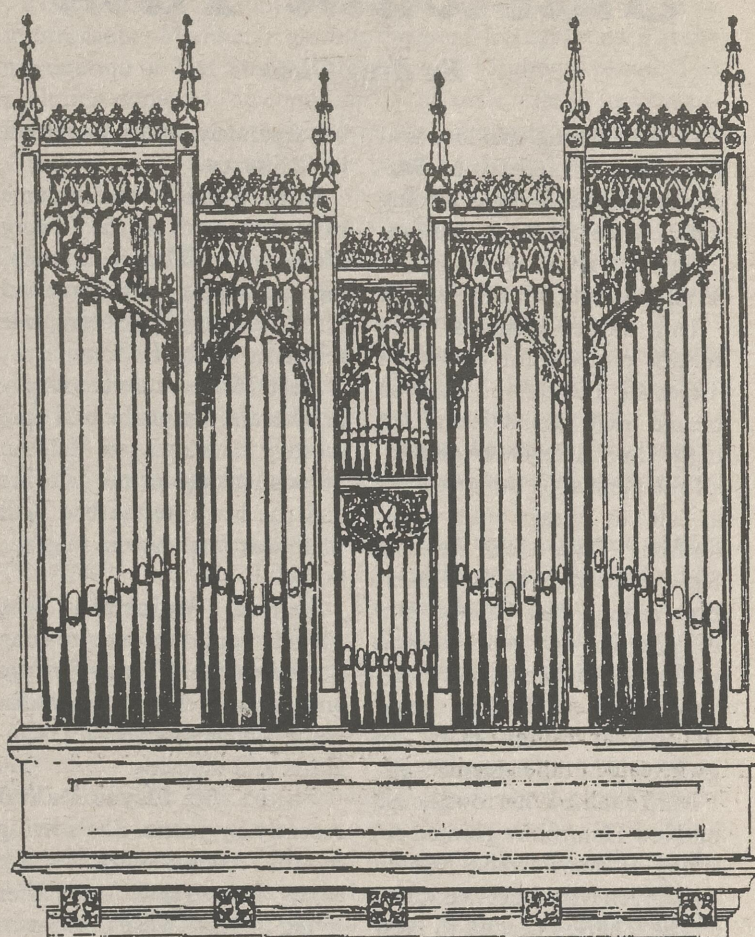
## Concert For St. Paul's Organ

A concert to benefit the new organ campaign of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, K Street, will be held Friday, June 2, at 8:00 p.m. Under the direction of Jeffrey Smith, the parish choir, soloists and organ will be joined by the Chesapeake Brass Quintet for a program which includes unaccompanied Tudor music, music for brass quintet, English anthems including Benjamin Britten's Festival Cantata, "Rejoice In The Lamb," Parry's coronation anthem, "I Was Glad" and Charles Wood's "Hail Gladdening Light."

A new pipe organ is being built by the Schoenstein Co. of San Francisco, replacing the present one which dates from 1890. In keeping with St. Paul's liturgical heritage, the instrument will be modeled upon English cathedral organs, a feature which is already attracting attention among organ enthusiasts.

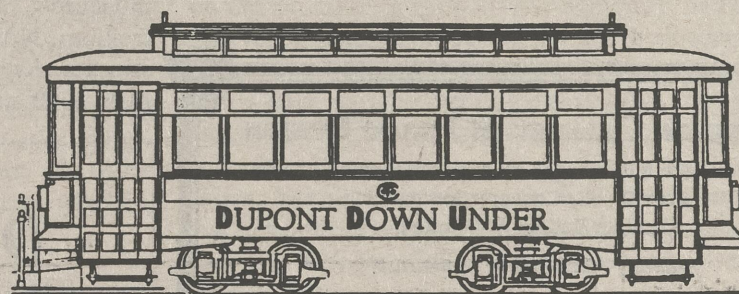
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The Chesapeake Brass Quintet,



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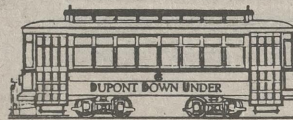
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# Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

Ahhhh, Spring, and love is in full bloom. . . spied **John Bardon** and **Judie Thomas** holding hands while strolling at sunset. They had just finished sundaes so all was right with the world.

**Don Tobey** gathered every receipt possible for Safeway's Tapes for Education. He even picked them up inside and out of the store as they were discarded and persuaded the personnel at Safeway to save other strays for him. "I was one of the most faithful savers," he said. Next time around that Safeway has the program save yours too and give them to Tobey. He really believes that the children should be able to benefit from the generosity of the supermarkets.

**Matt Hall** had his townhouse on New Hampshire painted recently. It is now freshly painted dark green with umber shutters.

The **Charles** headed to New Jersey shore for Easter holidays. Before that they had spent some time in Chestertown, Md. where Anne's mother resides.

News of America's Cup with Bob's daughter Lisa involved . . . seems the women won the race with Connor's cup team but to make it more interesting for both they'll race together,

but separately, in the May event in California.

**Dave White's** brother came to town to run in the Cherry Blossom race. He's been enjoying running for years. Dave and his wife, **Marge**, are longtime residents in the Bottom.

**Herb Madison** visited family in Montana during the cold snap recently. The last I saw Madison he was looking for his galoshes and the last time he had seen them was when he was in grade school.

**Rennie Melonson** was Florida-bound recently touring St. Augustine, Tarpon Springs and Sarasota and on her return she was home-bound with bronchitis and sinusitis.

Visited with **Elayne DeVito** recently by phone. She's living now in Fredericksburg, Va. She says, "It is so quiet there after living in New West End for so long." Her stockbroker's office is in a renovated brick warehouse in the historic district of the town of 10,000 souls with about 20,000 in the area. "It is a whole different way of life for me," she says; "but I am enjoying it."

**Claire Ciftci** had major car repairs needed recently so her

son, **Kim**, offered a second car that he had to see her through this inconvenient time. The offer was accepted BUT Ciftci did not know how to drive a stick shift. After a few rides with friends through osmosis and a sign on the back warning those following her she made it to and from work without incident.

**Pat** and **Kiri Tith** are both traveling in China on business. When Pat spoke of the 24-hour flight and I wheezed she exclaimed, "Ohhhh I just love it."

## Endangered Species Photos at NAS

An exhibit of 39 photographs of endangered animals, birds, fish, reptiles, insects and plants is appearing at the National Academy of Sciences until June 30.

The photographic project, which resulted in the books and travel exhibition, took the photographs on a four-year journey, traveling 120,000 miles all over the continental United States and Hawaii. Although they expected to be photographing in the wild, Susan Middleton and David Liittschwager found that in many cases the only remaining examples of the species they wished to photograph were to be found in zoos, aquariums, museums, and other such facilities. NAS is at 2101 Constitution Avenue, and is open M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Our Own Police Station!

### Chief Thomas Hopes to Reclaim L Street Station

D.C. Police Chief Fred Thomas earlier outlined plans to increase the number of police stations in the city, including making the facility at 2301 L Street a regular station. Currently it houses the special operations section, which handles parades, the waterfront, civil disturbances, etc.

Longtime FB residents know the station originally was a regular police station until reorganization sent the officers to the larger 2nd District headquarters on Idaho Avenue, near Wisconsin Avenue north of Massachusetts Avenue. Thomas

said the L Street facility would become the 9th District station.

The plan would put police officers covering the area close to our area, and allow citizens to take care of police matters, such as temporary parking permits, close to home. It has been reported that the transfer of the L Street station may be one of the first initiatives in his planned five-year reorganization.

Although the plan has been put on hold following the financial board legislation, there is hope it will be revived at a later date.

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## Attention Bibliomaniacs! Library Holds Book Sale April 29

The West End Library Friends will hold their annual book sale on Saturday, April 29, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale will be held upstairs at the West End Library, 24th and L Streets, N.W. All proceeds from the sale will be used to benefit the West End Library.

If last year's sale was an example, the selection will be worth a trip. The bookshelves in the sale room were bursting with row and row of books of all sizes and descriptions.

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### St. Mary's Seeks Flea Market Items

St. Mary's Church is having a flea market in May, and is seeking salable items. See article on page 8.

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## ANC-2A Actions and Discussions March 15, 1995

I. Chair Sara Maddux opened the meeting by calling on representatives of the Metropolitan Police Department to provide the monthly crime report. Officer Connor, who frequently provides the report, was accompanied by the new head of our sector, Captain John Taylor. Captain Taylor's prepared report was similar to the reports of the past few months. Most categories of crime are down in the area covered by ANC-2A from levels of one year ago, with the exception of "theft from autos." Residents are again reminded not to leave valuable items in parked cars. Captain Taylor also reminded the Commissioners and audience of the 2nd District's new "hot line" number, 282-1162.

A lively exchange ensued between the capatin and Commissioner Dale Barnhard. Ideas were exchanged regarding new approaches to curb the use of our neighborhood's common spaces and parks by the homeless. Captain Taylor lauded Commissioner Barnhard's various efforts and agreed to try to help where he can.

II. The ANC then took up a resolution regarding the residence hall that GWU proposes to erect in the 2400 block of H Street, N.W. Representatives of GWU briefed the ANC on its proposal at a previous meeting. A hearing of the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) is coming up very soon. The Commission approved a resolution proposed by Commissioner Maddux, by a vote of 4-1 with one commissioner absent, supporting the proposed construction of such a residence hall, but only if the BZA imposes certain specified limits on construction and usage of the building, and only once the concerns of other property owners on the block (i.e., St. Mary's Court and St. Mary's Episcopal Church) have been addressed to the satisfaction of those property owners.

III. A presentation was made by a representative of the parking garage contractor at the Kennedy Center regarding proposed street signs to regulate traffic flow and ease the burden on our neighborhood's streets during peak entertainment hours. The Commissioners and various members of the community offered a critique of this latest proposal, but the consensus seemed to be that these proposed signs did not adequately address the community's concerns, and that they were oversized and ugly, as well.

IV. Commissioner Mike Geroe reported on his efforts to resolve a dispute in his Single Member District. Blackie's House of Beef/Lulu's Cafe and the Kidney Foundation are proposing to hold a big, open air event on the 4th of July in the parking lot associated with Blackie's/Lulu's. Residents of several of the apartment and condominium buildings nearby have objections, especially to the size and potential rowdiness of the event, and the fact that there will be large amounts of liquor provided at the event under a temporary liquor license that the sponsors plan to obtain. No action by the ANC is yet requested, but Commissioner Geroe will keep the Commisison updated as events warrant.

V. The ANC unanimously adopted a resolution, proposed by Commissioner Maddux, in opposition to the proposed closing of the firehouse in the 2100 block of G Street, N.W.

VI. The ANC unanimously adopted a resolution, proposed by Commissioner Maddux, regarding the small triangular park at the intersection of 21st Street, E Street, and Virginia Avenue. The resolution deplored the condition of the park, due to its occupation by an encampment of the homeless, requested the assistance of the police in cleaning up the park, and noted the upcoming Foreign Service days on May 5th and 6th. This last item was included because the park is directly in front of the Foreign Service Officers' Club. The fact that the park could be used to commemorate this occasion if it were not in its current condition was noted by several Commissioners and community members. Commissioner Barnhard revisited his comments from earlier in the meeting about his efforts to enlist the aid of the police and other institutions in the community to work on this problem.

VII. Commissioner Barnhard briefed the rest of the Commission and the community on a briefing session he had attended for ANC treasurers.

VIII. Commissioner Barnhard provided the treasurer's report. The ANC's quarterly allotment has finally been forwarded to the ANC's bank account by the District government. Given the precarious nature of the District's finances, the ANC is continuing to pay only its most routine regular bills (e.g., rent on the ANC office and the C&P bill).

IX. Commissioner Geroe provided the secretary's report. The only recent correspondence that required any action was a notice from the Public Service Commission (PSC) about a proposal by a private concern to put in some pay phones on the street within the boundaries of the ANC. In keeping with past policy of the ANC, the Commissioners unanimously approved a motion by Commissioner Jean Swift to write a letter to the PSC opposing the telephones.

Commissioner Geroe then distributed the minutes of the last meeting, which the Commission unanimously approved.

X. Commissioner Dorothy Miller reminded the community and her fellow Commissioners about the coming hearing of the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) on the proposed changes to the Central Employment Area legislation forwarded to the NCPC by the City Council. This had been a topic covered exhaustively at a prior ANC meeting.

XI. A number of audience members made announcements of various events coming up in the community, and the Commission then unanimously approved a motion to adjourn.

David Itkin

David Itkin, who has provided a writeup of ANC meetings for some time, to our regret is leaving the neighborhood, having purchased a home in northern Virginia. It is our loss, both as our reporter and a good FB citizen. He will be reporting on one more meeting, and we hope another will step forward to keep FBNews' readers informed of ANC discussions and decisions. Call 337-5528 if you are interested.



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**Mark the Date — Sunday, July 16, for the third FBA member party. Henrietta Zoltrow advises plans are progressing for the event to be held at the Grand Hotel at 24th & M Streets.**

Start (continued from page 1) and nobody came forward to do advertising and circulation for the paper. It was the official organ of the Association then as now, but during those first four years it was actually my paper — pure personal journalism. Any resemblance to objectivity in it was coincidental. Occasionally we published announcements of Association business, true, but mostly it was a subjective representation of Foggy Bottom as I saw it. In all of my 40 years of newspaper work I never had so much fun writing, because I was

free to write as I pleased. Nobody edited me.

During those years I tried to make the *News* read like a letter from home, with lots of names of people in the "village" with as many people as possible involved in the project.

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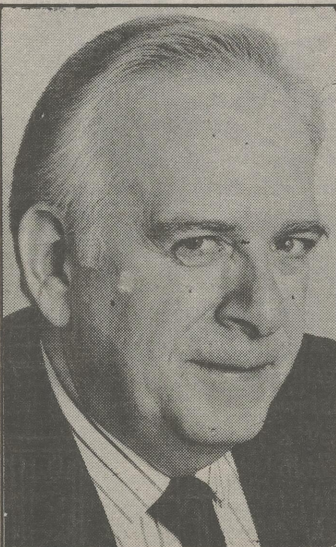


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## BizBuzzBizBuzz

By Betty Olsen

Look for the date of St. Mary's Episcopal Church's Flea Market sometime in May. It will be held for the purpose of raising funds to buy food and other items for Persons Living With AIDS and Pediatric AIDS-HIV Care, Inc. St. Mary's is requesting salable and usable items of clothing, furniture, musical instruments, toiletries, cosmetics and jewelry, etc. that can be sold. For more details, contact Ms. Gloria Moxley or Mr. Lorenzo Smith or the church office at 202-333-3985. Pick-up is available for the asking.

... Happy Birthday to you ... April birthdays at St. Mary's Church were John V. Allen, Ellen M. Brown, Andrew Curry, Milton Harris, Jr., Ruth Hinterleithner, Lorraine McCottry, Nouka S. Oruh, Brittini Parks, Rev. Darwin Price, Julius Tilghman, Clara Yeadon and William Dameron, III.

Coach Mike Jarvis has been popping up on radio lately with all the NCAA tournament play and all the interest that goes

with it. Jarvis took his GWU Colonials to the NCAA last season and says that he has found out what he needs, just not to be there, next year, but what seed his team will be. Jarvis was on with Jim Brown on Costas' Coast to Coast and Ken Beatrice. Jarvis makes for an enjoyable interview.

The Ambassador series at GWU has completed with the Ambassador of Mexico, His Excellency Jesús Silva-Herzog, as guest speaker. The last of the series was held in the Marvin Center. After the question-and-answer period by the audience there was a reception held with that country's food fare and music playing in the background. Neighbors attending were Bob and Mary Brewster, Bob's niece from Texas, Grace Watson, Dorothy Ohliger, Paul Knopka, Hugh Grindstaff, and Kirsten Olsen ... and a good time was had by all. Ole!

Jack Olender of Watergate was seen as a guest on a CNN interview on malpractice suits recently. This legal area is his specialty.

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## Nightline Visits St. Mary's Court

On Friday, April 7, representatives of Ted Koppel's *Nightline* visited St. Mary's Court. Their purpose was to get the views of residents and participants in Iona's Luncheon Program on the success, or failure, of the "Contract With America" and the legislative agenda of House Speaker Gingrich.

This was a lively and informative encounter with views enthusiastically expressed from all sides of the political spectrum. It also demonstrated the importance of our elderly population in the shaping of public opinion and Congressional action.

The segment appeared that night and included some of the St. Mary's interview.

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